

2020 CSP Project Directors' Meeting

February 24–26, 2020 • Washington D.C.



DAY ONE – ENTIRE GROUP – BLUE ROOM

Learning Objective: Uplift and inspire grantees while sharing trends in the sector, examples of best practices in action, and tips/tools they can implement to enhance their work.

8:30 - 9:30 am Attendee Registration – Blue Room Lobby

9:30 - 10 am **OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Jim Blew, Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development
U.S. Department of Education

10 - 10:30 am **GRANTEE SHOWCASE**

Moderated by:

Ellen Safranek, Program Director, Charter School Programs

Panelists:

Hagar Berlin, Brooke Charter Schools

John Swoyer, MaST Community Charter Schools

10:30 - 10:45 am Break

10:45 - 12 pm **FOUR TRENDS EVERY GRANTEE SHOULD KNOW**

Moderated by:

Steve Canavero, Ph.D., National Charter School Resource Center

Panelists:

Mark Medema, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

Karega Rausch, Ph.D., National Association of Charter School Authorizers

Elizabeth Robitaille, Ph.D., California Charter Schools Association

John Zitzner, Breakthrough Schools

12 - 1:15 pm Lunch (on your own); see recommendations in the participant guide

1:15 - 1:45 pm **A-GAME: ADVANCING GREAT AUTHORIZING AND MODELING EXCELLENCE**

Jim Goenner, Ph.D., National Charter Schools Institute

Naomi Rubin DeVeaux, National Charter Schools Institute

1:45 - 2:30 pm **HOW TO TELL YOUR CSP STORY**

Courtney Leigh Beisel, National Charter School Resource Center

2:30 - 2:45 pm *Break*

2:45 - 3:45 pm **HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS TO A SYSTEMIC ISSUE**

Moderated by:

Aimee Evan, National Charter School Resource Center

Panelists:

David Frank, New York State Education Agency

Anna Hall, New York State Charter Schools Association

Paul O'Neill, National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools

Renee Willemson-Goode, Family Life Academy Charter Schools

3:45 - 4 pm **DAY 1 CLOSING REMARKS**

Ellen Safranek, Program Director, Charter School Programs

4 – 5 pm Got questions? We're Here to Help!

Representatives from the Charter School Programs and the National Charter School Resource Center's Technical Assistance Team will be available in the Blue Room to answer questions from grantees during this time.

5:30 pm Unhosted Networking (Marquee Bar & Lounge, Omni Shoreham Hotel)

Unwind with your peers for an informal, at-your-own-cost networking event after a day of learning and inspiration. Wear your badge so we know who you are!



DAY TWO – GRANTEE GROUP MEETINGS BASED ON GRANTEE TYPE AND STAGE OF GRANT

Learning Objective: Provide targeted technical assistance related to grantees in each grant stage, as well as provide a forum for each grant type to share lessons learned, best practices, and action planning for advancing their respective grants.

9 - 12 pm **MEETINGS BASED ON TYPE OF GRANTEE – SE, CE/STATE INCENTIVE, CMO, DEVELOPER, AND DISSEMINATION**

This workshop will bring together grantees based on their type of grant. Each session will feature facilitated discussions, problem solving activities, and action planning applicable to their work.

Replication and Expansion/CMO Grantees – Blue Room

State Entity Grantees – Hampton Room

Developer Grantees – Governors Room

Credit Enhancement and State Incentive Grantees – Calvert Room

National Dissemination Grantees – Capitol Room

12 - 1:15 pm *Lunch (on your own); see recommendations in Participant Guide*

1:15 - 3 pm **WORKSHOPS BASED ON STAGE IN GRANT CYCLE**

This workshop will bring together grantees based on the stage of their grant. These interactive discussions will focus on grant monitoring and grant execution activities that are applicable across all grantee stages. Attendees will be divided into three groups—new grantees/new project directors, mid-cycle grantees, and end-of-cycle grantees.

New Grantees – Hampton Room

Mid-Cycle Grantees – Blue Room

End-of-Cycle Grantees – Governors Room

3 pm *Grantee Dismissal*



DAY THREE: OPTIONAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP – HAMPTON ROOM

Learning Objective: Ensure attendees are skilled in using the school improvement framework so they may implement key features within their own environments following the workshop.

9 - 12 pm

THE FOUR DOMAINS OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT *OPTIONAL EVENT*

Through this workshop, CSP grantees will have an opportunity to examine and discuss approaches to school improvement in the charter context using the Four Domains for School Improvement, now adapted for the charter context, as a guide. Grantees will discuss with their peers the delicate balance of autonomy and accountability in offering low-performing charters an opportunity for improvement and the implications for offering this option in their context.

Robin Chait, National Charter School Resource Center
Aimee Evan, National Charter School Resource Center
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